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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/306,986; Filed: May 7, 1999
For: **A Method for Synthesizing a Nucleic Acid Molecule Using a Ribonuclease**
Inventors: Trinh *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);

2. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences;

3. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of **$620.00** to cover:

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4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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